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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BARTH RECEIVES HONORABLE MENTION IN PHI BETA KAPPA ESSAY COMPETITION

CHARLESTON -- Ben Barth of New Berlin received honorable mention in the 1994 Phi Beta Kappa Young Scholar Award essay competition.

Barth, a senior at New Berlin High School, received the honor at the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of East Central Illinois' seventh annual spring banquet held recently at Eastern Illinois University.

To enter the competition, students submitted a letter of nomination by their principal, a letter of support from a teacher and a 500-word essay on one of three topics. Barth wrote on "My Experience Studying a Second Language [German]."

Frank McCormick, professor of English at EIU and president of the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of East Central Illinois, presented the awards.